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FOR NAC AGENCIES

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SUBJ: ADB HIGHLANDS ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (PAPUA NEW GUINEA)

REF: MANILA 18833

1. POST ENDORSES ADB HIGHLANDS ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR
PAPUA NEW GUINEA. THE HIGHLANDS HIGHWAY IS PNG'S MAIN
COMMERCIAL ARTERY AND THE PROJECT SHOULD SUBSTANTIALLY IMPROVE
THE LIVING CONDITIONS OF THE PEOPLE IN THE AREA.

2. POST DOES OBJECT TO PLANS TO AWARD CONTRACT ON BASIS OF
DOMESTIC COMPETITIVE BIDDING. WHILE THERE IS ONLY A SMALL
CHANCE OF US FIRMS WINNING CONTRACT, POST KNOWS OF AT LEAST
TWO US CONSTRUCTION FIRMS INTERESTED IN POSSIBLE INVESTMENT.
WE PLAN TO DO A MAJOR REPORT OF CONSTRUCTION OPPORTUNITIES IN
PNG IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS IN HOPES OF ENCOURAGING SUCH INVESTMENT.
IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE U.S. WAS NOT RPT NOT NOTIFIED OF
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EARLIER PNG HIGHWAY PROJECT. GPNG OFFICIALS HAVE TOLD E/C
OFFICER THAT NOTICES WERE SENT TO PNG CONSULATE IN SYDNEY FOR
DISTRIBUTION TO US CONSULATE THERE. SYDNEY REPORTED NEVER
HAVING RECEIVED SUCH ANNOUNCEMENTS. POST BELIEVES PNG'S SYSTEM
OF AWARDING CONTRACTS STILL NEEDS IMPROVEMENT. REQUIRING
INTERNATIONAL BIDDING SHOULD IMPROVE US FIRMS'S CHANCES OF
OBTAINING CONTRACTS NOT ONLY FOR THIS PROJECT BUT ALSO FOR FUTURE

ONES.

3. IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT THERE IS CONSIDERABLE
SUSPICION IN PNG THAT MAJOR LOCAL COMPANIES CONSULT BEFORE
BIDDING ON CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS. THE EMBASSY HAS NO PROOF
OF COLLUSION BUT BELIEVES INTERNATIONAL BIDDING COULD KEEP
COSTS DOWN.
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